

### **Myrtle Daphene Flanagan**

Myrtle Flanagan was the second child and first daughter of John H. Flanagan and Bathsheba Smith. She was born in 1886 and died in 1950. At an early age she contracted polio and was severally crippled. She also had a bad speech defect and was difficult to understand.

She lived with her sister, Ruberta and Ruberta's husband, Elbert Tyson. Myrtle who was called Mert or Aunt Mert by everyone would have lived a lonely life but people, especially Ruberta, were kind to her and provided a reasonably good life for her. She probably scared little children until they became accustomed to her speech and then they loved her. She thoroughly enjoyed being with the family and was in attendance as often as possible at family gatherings. It was wonderful to see her brighten up when she got to see the family.

It is always sad to see a kind, loving person robbed of living a full, productive life but given her limitations, Myrtle made the best of things and was an asset to the John Hardy Flanagan family. She lived sixty-four years and did not suffer or lack for anything that could be provided for her. She was buried in the Archibald Flanagan cemetery at his homeplace.